

NEW PROGRAM PROPOSAL FORM

Sponsoring Institution(s): PARK UNIVERSITY

Program Title: INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Degree/Certificate: Bachelor of Science degree

Options: _____

Delivery Site(s): Parkville; Kansas City Metro; Ft. Leonard Wood; Park University Independence Campus Center; Whiteman Air Force Base; Wentworth Campus Center; Park Online.

CIP Classification: 51.3801 (CIP code)

Implementation Date: July 1, 2011

Cooperative Partners: _____

Expected Date of First Graduation: May 2012 (for transfer students)

AUTHORIZATION

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PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS AND PERFORMANCE GOALS

Institution Name: PARK UNIVERSITY

Program Name Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Date April 5, 2011

(Although all of the following guidelines may not be applicable to the proposed program, please carefully consider the elements in each area and respond as completely as possible in the format below. Quantification of performance goals should be included wherever possible.)

Student Preparation

No special admissions procedures or student qualifications required for this program, which exceed regular university admissions.

This program is designed for the working adult student population. Specifically students who have attended numerous colleges and universities and have not completed their degree. It is designed to help with degree completion. Since Park University serves thousand of military personnel who due to the nature of their status have not been able to stay long enough in one location to complete their degree.

Faculty Characteristics

There are no special requirements for faculty teaching in this program. Most of the credit hours for this program will be taught by adjunct faculty, but full-time faculty will coordinate the program.

Among the program's requirements is a requirement that students take a capstone course and work on a capstone project/thesis, which will serve to assess student learning.

Enrollment Projections

We estimate that most of the students enrolled in the program will be part time students.

Within five years we expect to have 300 students majoring in this academic program.

Student and Program Outcomes

We expect 20 graduates per annum at three after implementation.

There is no special licensing, certification, or registration related to this program.

PROGRAM COMPETENCIES:

The student with integrative and interdisciplinary thinking will possess the ability to make connections across courses and connect coursework to his/her academic, professional, and civic lives. The student will be able to consider problems from several different perspectives and develop and test his/her holistic understanding of an issue, evaluate how various disciplines would conceive of solutions, and relate his/her learning to issues outside of academia.

1. Demonstrate an understanding of disciplinary content in its own context and in relationship to the issues, questions, and positions of at least one other discipline.
2. Compare and contrast points of view and scholarly materials coming from different disciplines, in formulating a new thesis or position.
3. Synthesize diverse perspectives derived from coursework and other professional experience to achieve an interdisciplinary understanding of an issue or problem.
4. Explain and evaluate methodological approaches and theoretical foundations of at least two disciplines, as they pertain to dealing with real-world problems or issues.
5. Use professional experiences and academic coursework to attain professional employment.

Program Accreditation

There is no program accreditation available for this program.

Alumni and Employer Survey

As with all Park University graduates, graduating student surveys will be conducted twice each year to ascertain degree of satisfaction with this educational experience.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

A. Total credits required for graduation: 120 credit hours

B. Residency requirements, if any: 30 credit hours

C. General education: Total credits: 37 cr. hours (Liberal Education or LE)

Courses (specific courses OR distribution area and credits):

<u>English 105 3 cr.</u>	<u>Science with Lab 4 cr.</u>
<u>English 106 3cr.</u>	<u>LE-Humanities 6 cr.</u>
<u>Math 120 OR MA 135 3cr.</u>	<u>LE Natural or Physical Sciences 3 cr.</u>
<u>Communication 103 3 cr.</u>	<u>LE Social Sciences 6 cr.</u>
<u>Computer Science 140 3 cr.</u>	<u>LE 300-Interdisciplinary Thinking 3 cr.</u>

D. Major requirements: Total credits: 42-45 credit hours

Academic Minor One 18-21 cr.

Academic Minor Two 18 cr.

LE 300 Integrative & Interdisciplinary Learning 3 cr.

LS 400 Senior Project 3cr.

E. Free elective credits: 41 credit hours

F. Requirements for thesis, internship or other capstone experience:

Research Project done in LS 400 Senior Project

G. Any unique features such as interdepartmental cooperation:

The Program requires approval of academic deans that supervise the two minors (or a body of knowledge in lieu of second minor).